

Amendments to the Drawings:

Objections

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because the descriptive labels for items depicted at 400, 430, 440, 450, 460, 420-1 and 420-N in Figure 4 were not included.

The attached replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 4. This, which includes Figure 4, replaces the original sheet including Figure 4. In the replacement sheet, descriptive labels were added to elements 430, 440, 450, 460, 420-1, and 420-N. Element 400 is the system as a whole.

Figure 4 is discussed in the Specification from page 4, line 10, to page 5, line 12, and support for a labels being added corresponding to each reference number shown in Figure 4 is provided therein. No new matter has been added to the application.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Communication mailed on June 4, 2007, and the references cited therewith.

No claims are amended, canceled, or added; as a result, claims 1-29 are now pending in this application.

Election/Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 USC § 121:

- I. Claims 1-17 and 21-24, drawn to a subject matter of defining a number of color channels, identifying monochrome type pixel data within a data stream, and allocating a color channel to transfer the identified monochrome type pixel data, classified in class 358, subclass 529 and/or class 382, subclass 162.
- II. Claims 18-20 and 25-29, drawn to a subject matter of a number of processing modules connected to color pipeline wherein at least one processing modules for processing monochrome type pixel data and at least one processing modules for processing color type pixel data, classified in class 382, subclass 303.

Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, which includes claims 1-17 and 21-24.

The Election/Restriction Requirement is traversed, at least in part, on the basis that restriction requirements are optional in all cases. MPEP § 803. As the section further states, if the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits.

Applicant respectfully submits that in performing a search, the Examiner will be uncovering references that may be relevant to both Group I and Group II. Therefore, a search for references to allow examination on the merits of all claims in

the present application will not create a serious burden on the Examiner, nor will examination thereof.

In addition, Applicant should not be required to incur the additional costs associated with filing multiple applications in order to obtain protection of the claimed subject matter. Applicant has already paid a per claim fee for all claims filed in this case and examination costs are to be covered by such fees. By restricting this case, the Applicant is effectively being charged an additional cost where the search and examination should take a similar path due to the proximate nature of the subject matter of Examiner's Groups I and II.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and that claims 1-29 of the present application be examined on the merits together.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney Robert D. Wasson at (360) 212-2338 to facilitate prosecution of this matter.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: **MS AMENDMENT** Commissioner for Patents, P.O. BOX 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 2nd day of July, 2007.

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